

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in this application. The present Office Action has required a restriction of the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-28) or those of Group II (claims 29-53). Applicants have withdrawn the claims of Group II, leaving for prosecution in this application Claims 1-28.

The Specification

Paragraphs [0012] and [0016] have been amended to address typographical errors.

The Drawings

No objection to the drawings is presently outstanding. However, Applicants have noted the printing error in the bottom portion of Figure 3, wherein the element numbers and identifiers are too small; therefore, Applicants have regenerated Figure 3. Appropriate annotated drawings and replacement sheets are attached.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and thereby solicit acceptance of the claims, in light of these amendments and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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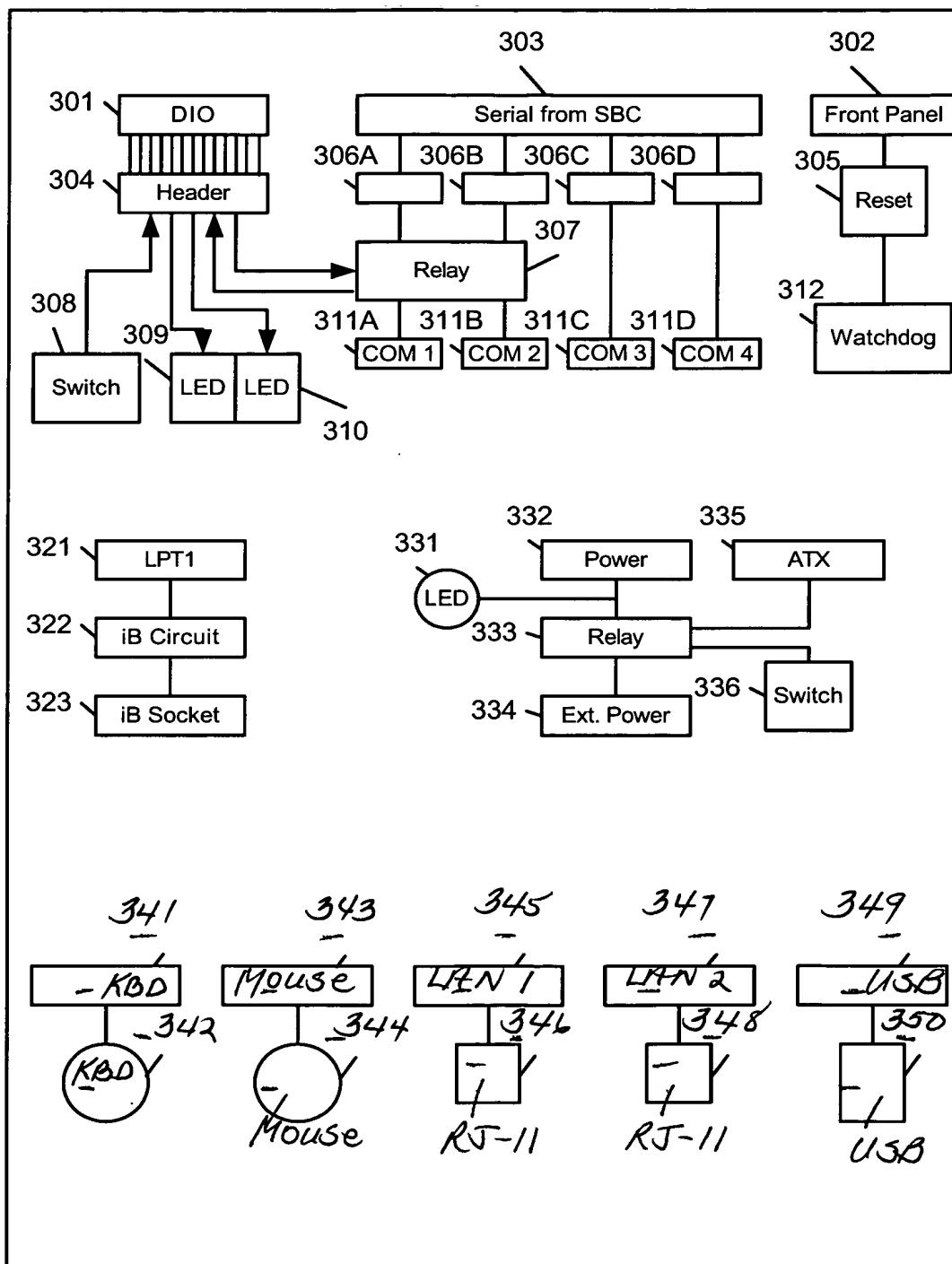
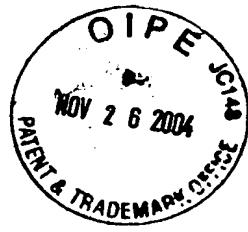


FIGURE 3